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for the Second Circuit*



APPENDIX

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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Appellee,

-against-

Docket No. 76-1010

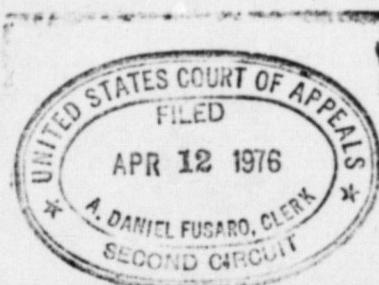
GABRIEL OCHOA,

Appellant.

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APPENDIX TO APPELLANT'S BRIEF
PURSUANT TO
ANDERS v. CALIFORNIA

ON APPEAL FROM A JUDGMENT
OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK



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TITLE OF CASE

ATTORNEYS

For U. S.:

James E. Nesland, AUSA
791-0071

1. GABRIEL OCHOA-1-3 Study & Report 8-17-15
2. ESSAU CORREA-1-3
3. DARIO VALENCIA-1-3 7-2-15
4. LUIS OSORIO-1-3 NOT CANTY 6-16-15
5. JOHN DOE, a/k/a Carlos Uribe-1

For Defendant:

(07)	STATISTICAL RECORD	COSTS	DATE	NAME OR RECEIPT NO.	REC.	DISB.
	J.S. 2 mailed	Clerk				
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	Violation	Docket fee				
	Title 21					
	Sec. 846, 812, 841(a)(1), (b).					
	Consp. to viol. Fed. Narc. & Laws. (Ct. 1)					
	Possess. w/intent to distr. Cocaine, II. (Cts. 2&3)					
	(Three Counts)					

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DATE:

PROCEEDINGS

4-11-75 Filed indictment

4-15-75 Defts. Ochoa, Correa, Valencia and Osorio(Attys. present) Plead not guilty. Motions returnable in 10 days. The above defts. cont'd remanded in lieu of bail fixed by Mag. \$50,000. cash or surety as to all defts. Case assigned to Judge Knapp for all purposes.
Bonsal, J.

05-14-75 Filed deft. Gabriel Ochoa's notice of motion re: bill of particulars,
- suppression, etc. ret: 5-21-75.

05-14-75 Filed deft. Gabriel Ochoa's memo. of law in support of motion docketed
this date.

05-14-75n Filed deft. L. Osorio's motion re: particulars and inspection
ret. 5-21-75.

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DATE	PROCEEDINGS
05-16-75	Deft. Correa (atty. Louis Tirelli present) deft. (through an interpreter) withdraws his plea of not guilty and pleads guilty to count 1 only. Pre-sentence investigation ordered. Sentence adj. to 6-26-75 at 4. Bail conditions cont'd. Deft. remanded in lieu of bail. Knapp, J.
05-20-75	Filed Govt.'s memo. of law in opposition to deft. G. Ochoa's motions for relief before trial.
05-27-75	Filed memo-end. on motion docketed 5-14-75. deft. G. Ochoa's motion granted in part and denied, in all other respects as stated this day on the record. Knapp, J. mn
05-27-75	Filed memo-end. on motion docketed 5-14-75. deft. L. Osorio's motion granted in part and denied in all other respects as stated this day on the record. Knapp, J. mn
06-02-75	Deft. Valencia (atty. Sidney Meyers present) deft. withdraws his plea of not guilty and pleads guilty to count 1 only. Pre-sentence investigation ordered. Sentence adj. to 6-26-75 at 4PM. On the govt.'s appl. bail is revoked and deft. remanded. Knapp, J.
06-17-75	Dario Valencia- application for bail pending sentence is granted with the following conditions: a PRB in the sum of \$10,000 (unsecured) to be signed by deft. and deft.'s brother-in-law. Deft. is granted permission to sign the PRB today (alone) and have brother-in-law sign the PRB tomorrow(6-18-75) or soon thereafter. Knapp, J.
06-20-75	Dario Valencia- filed remand dated 6-17-75.
06-19-75	Filed Appearance Bond & remand dated 6-17-75 attached for deft. D. Valencia in the sum of \$10,000.
June 3, 1975	Filed transcript of record of proceedings, docketed May 16, 1975.
6-9-75	Deft. Ochoa (atty. present) and Osario (atty. present) present. Jury trial begun before Judge Knapp.
6-10-75	Trial cont'd.
6-11-75	Trial cont'd.
6-12-75	Trial cont'd.
6-13-75	Trial cont'd. The Court dismisses counts 1 & 3 as to the deft. Osario.
6-16-75	Trial cont'd. Jury retires to deliberate at 1:15PM. Deft. Carrea (atty. present) appl. for reduction of bail granted. Bail reduced to \$10,000. P.R.B. secured by \$1,000. cash, said bond to be signed by his wife and his uncle. Jury returns with a verdict at 8:50PM. Deft. Ochoa found guilty on counts 1 & 2, not guilty on count 3. Deft. Osario found not guilty on count 2. P.S.I. ordered on deft. Ochoa. Sentence adjourned to 8-6-75. Bail cont'd. deft. remanded in lieu of bail.
6-26-75	Deft. Valencia (atty. present) sentence adj. to 7-2-75 at 9. Deft. Carrea (atty. present) no appearing, b/w issued & sentence adj. to 7-2-75 at 9. Bail revoked. Knapp.
6-27-75	Deft. Ochoa's (atty. present) appl. for reduction of bail is denied. Bail is revoked & deft. remanded. Knapp, J.
7-2-75	Deft. Carrea (atty) not appearing bail is hereby forfeited. Knapp, J.

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DATE	PROCEEDINGS
07-02-75	DARIO VALENCIA (atty. present) Filed JUDGMENT- the imposition of sentence is hereby suspended on count 1 and the deft. is placed on probation for a period of FIVE (5) YEARS subject to the standing probation order of this Court. On deft.'s motion, with the consent of the Govt., the open counts are dismissed. Knapp, J. issued all copies.
*6-18-75	Deft. Esau Corra- application for reduction of bail previously fixed at \$10,000. P.R.B. (\$1,000.cash) and cosigned by deft. and deft.'s wife and uncle is granted to the following extent: Bail is reduced to \$10,000.PRB (\$500.)cash. Bond to be signed by deft. and wife only. Knapp, J.
*06-23-75	G. Ochoa-filed CJA 21 appointment of Albert Barron Boyne, interpreter. Knapp, J. issued Copies CJA Clerk.
*06-23-75	G. Ochoa-filed CJA 21 approval for payment of fees of Albert Barron Boyne, Interpreter. Knapp, J. issued Copies CJA Clerk.
*06-26-75	E. Correa-bench warrant issued.
*06-26-75	E. Correa- filed remand dated 6-18-75,
07-15-75	L. Osario- filed CJA 21 appointment of Richard Schoen, Interpreter. Knapp, J. issue copies CJA Clerk
07-15-75	L. Osario- filed CJA 21 approval for payment of fees of Richard Schoen. Knapp, J. issued copies CJA Clerk.
07-15-75	Dario Valencia- filed CJA 21 appointment of Norma S. Seltzer, Interpreter. Knapp, J. issued copies CJA Clerk
07-15-75	Dario Valencia- filed CJA 21 approval for payment of fees of Norma S. Seltzer. Knapp, J. issued copies CJA Clerk
07-23-75	Filed magistrate's orig. papers: docket entry sheet, criminal complaint, disposition sheet, appointments of counsels notices of appearances, temporary commitments, appearances bonds & dismissal slip(as to L.Ochoa & G. Gutierrez)
08-08-75	Filed ORDER for cash bail to be paid to U.S. Treasury- ordered the Clerk of this Court pay out of the registry of this Court to the Treasurer of the U.S. the sum of \$500.00. Knapp, J. (as to deft. E. Correa)
08-08-75	Paid transcript of record of proceedings, date 6-2-75
08-06-75	GABRIEL OCHOA (atty. present) Filed Judgment-deft. is committed to the custody of the Atty. Gen'l. on counts 1 & 2 pur. to Section 4208(b) of T. 18, U.S. Code, for study, report and recommendations, as described in Sec. 4208(c) of T. 18, U.S. Code. This commitment deemed to be for the maximum sentence prescribed by law, unless altered upon the receipt of the report and recommendations. The results of such study together with any recommendations which the Director of the Bureau of Prisons believes would be helpful in determining the disposition of this case, shall be furnished to the Court within NINETY (90) DAYS. Prisoner is to remain in the custody of the U.S. Marshal at the Metropolitan Correctional Center until 8-21-75 at which time he is to be turned over to the custody of the Atty. General. Knapp, J. issued all copies.
08-13-75	9-12-75 Paid U.S. Treas. \$500. ck # 6005 dtd 8-12-75. Filed remand dated 6-3-75.

DATE	PROCEEDINGS
08-14-75	Filed deft. G. Ochoa's notice of appeal from judgment of 8-6-75. Mailed copies to U.S. Atty. and deft. on 8-14-75.
08-15-75	Filed deft. H. Johnpoll's notice of appeal from judgment of conviction, the order denying motion to dismiss information as no penal statute was violated,etc. mailed copies jto U.S. Atty. R. Delegros and deft.
09-03-75	Filed deft. G.Ochoa's notice that record on appeal has been certified & transmitted to the USCA on this 3rd day of Sept. 1975.
09-29-75	E. Osorio -filed CJA 20 approval for payment of fees of Helena Solleeder-Esq. Knapp,J. issued all copies
9-29-75	G. Ochoa-filed CJA 21 appointment of Albert Barron-Boyne-Interpreter. Knapp,J. mailed copies
9-29-75	G. Ochoa-filed CJA 21 approval for payment of fees of A. Barron-Boyne. Knapp,J. issued all copies.
11-24-75	GABRIEL OCHOA (atty. present) Filed JUDGMENT 4 yrs. impr. 18:4208(a)(2) on each of counts 1 and 2 to run concurrently with each other. Pursuant to T. 21,U.S.C. Sec. 841, deft. is placed on 3 yrs. S.P. to commence upon the expiration of the sentence imposed on counts 1 and 2. The court directs that the deft. be kept within the jurisdiction of this court for 1 week to facilitate the appeal of this action. Knapp,J. issued all copies.
12-2-75	Filed G. Ochoa's notice of appeal from judgment of 11-24-75. mailed copies.
12-16-75	G. Ochoa'-filed notice of motion re: reduction of sentence,etc. ret: 12-29-75.
12-19-75	Filed memo-end. on motion docketed 12-16-75. Motion denied. Knapp,J. m/n
12-22-75	Filed notice that the suppl. record on appeal has been certified and transmitted to the U.S.C.A.
12-19-75	OCHOA, G. Filed commitment & entered return, Dkt. delivered to M.C.C. 11-24-75.
01-08-76	Gabriel Ochoa-filed Magistrate's temporary commitment.
02-05-76	Filed Magistrate's Papers (acknowledgment of bond after indictment) for deft. Essau Correa: Appearance Bond- \$10,000. with \$500. deposit as security.
02-24-76	Filed transcript of record of proceedings, dated JUNE 4-11-75
02-24-76	Filed transcript of record of proceedings, dated JUNE 12, 13 - 16 75
02-24-76	Filed transcript of record of proceedings, dated JUNE 27-75
02-24-76	Filed transcript of record of proceedings, dated JUNE 27-75
02-24-76	Filed transcript of record of proceedings, dated JUNE 27-75
02-24-76	Filed notice the suppl. record on appeal has been certified and transm

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK-----x
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, :
-----x: 75 Cr.
-----xCARMELO ECHOA, JESUS EGURIA, CARLOS
VALLARTA, LUIS VELASCO, and JESUS ZENO,
a/k/a Carlos Uribe.Defendant :
-----xCOMPLAINT

The Grand Jury charges:

1. From on or about the 1st day of January, 1973
and continuously thereafter up to and including the date of
the filing of this indictment, in the Southern District of
New York,

CARMELO ECHOA,
JESUS EGURIA,
CARLOS VALLARTA,
LUIS VELASCO, and JESUS ZENO, a/k/a Carlos Uribe,

the defendant and others to the Grand Jury unknown, unlaw-
fully, intentionally and knowingly combined, conspired, confederated
and agreed together and with each other to violate Sections 812,
841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A) of Title 21, United States Code.

2. It was part of said conspiracy that the said
defendant unlawfully, intentionally and knowingly would distribute
and possess with intent to distribute Schedule I and II
narcotic drug controlled substances the exact amount thereof
being to the Grand Jury unknown in violation of Sections 812,
841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A) of Title 21, United States Code.

(Conspire to distribute and possess with intent to distribute narcotic drug.)

OVERT ACTS

In pursuance of the said conspiracy and to effect the objects thereof, the following overt acts were committed in the Southern District of New York; and elsewhere:

1. On or about March 4, 1973 defendant DARIO VALENCIA delivered samples of cocaine to an undercover agent.
2. On or about March 6, 1973 defendant DARIO VALENCIA took an undercover agent to 3162 29th Street, Queens, New York to purchase cocaine.
3. On or about March 6, 1973 defendant ESSAO CORREA sold approximately six ounces of cocaine to an undercover agent at 3162 29th Street, Queens, New York for a price of \$6,750.00.
4. On or about March 6, 1973 defendants DARIO VALENCIA and JOHN DON, a/k/a Carlos Uribe, received \$6,750.00 from an undercover agent at 30th Street and Broadway, Queens, New York.
5. On or about March 21, 1973 defendant DARIO VALENCIA and ESSAO CORREA met with undercover agents at the El Setio Restaurant, 5823 Roosevelt Avenue, Queens, New York and discussed the sale of kilogram quantities of cocaine to the undercover agents.

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6. On or about April 1, 1975, defendant RICARDO VALENCIA met with undercover agents of the Shin Shan Palace, 97-05 Horace Harding Expressway, Queens, New York and arranged for the sale of three kilograms of cocaine.

7. On or about April 1, 1975 defendant RICARDO VALENCIA received approximately one-half kilogram of cocaine at Eyles Italian Restaurante, 264 West Street, Manhattan, and delivered it to undercover agents.

8. On or about April 2, 1975 defendants GABRIEL, OCHOA and LUIS OSORIO delivered approximately two and one-half kilograms of cocaine to undercover agents at 85th Street and York Avenue, Manhattan.

(Title 21, United States Code, Section 846)

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COUNT TWO

The Grand Jury further charges:

On or about the 2nd day of April, 1973

in the Southern District of New York,

CARMELO CIMA,
LUIS ASCENCIO,
LIMA CIMA, and
DANIO VASQUEZ,

the defendant(s), unlawfully, intentionally and knowingly did distribute and possess with intent to distribute a Schedule II narcotic drug controlled substance, to wit, approximately 2,674.2 grams of cocaine.

(Title 21, United States Code, Sections 812,
841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A).)

COUNT ONE

The Grand Jury further charges:

On or about the 2nd day of April, 1975

in the Southern District of New York,

CARMELO GOMEZ,
LUIS ORTIZ,
JESUS GOMEZ, and
DARIO VALLARTA,

the defendants, unlawfully, intentionally and knowingly did possess with intent to distribute, a Schedule II narcotic drug controlled substance, to wit, approximately 436.9 grams of cocaine

(Title 21, United States Code, Sections 812,
841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A).)

Yours truly,

Russell J. Connor
United States Attorney

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2 CHARGE OF THE COURT

3 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, as a
4 preliminary matter, you have heard witnesses cautioned about
5 keeping their voices up, and that naturally applies to me too.
6 If any of you have any difficulty in hearing what I say at
7 any time, I would appreciate it if you would raise your hand
8 or indicate it in some way, and if counsel think that anybody
9 is having difficulty in hearing me, I would appreciate it if
10 you would let me know.

11 First, by way of logistics, what I will do now
12 is give you the instructions of what I believe to be the law
13 that controls your deliberations in this case, and then I
14 will excuse you for a few minutes, ten or fifteen minutes or
15 so, while counsel for either side have an opportunity to
16 make suggestions or changes or criticisms, anything they
17 think I may have left out or should have said differently.
18 After I have considered what they have had to say, I will
19 call you back, give you a few housekeeping instructions and
20 in any event make any changes that I think come from either
21 side or from any of the three lawyers that ought to be made.

22 So when I send you back, send you out to the
23 jury room after the charge, it will be the last time I will
24 say, "Don't form or express any opinion." But even though
25 it is only for a short time, and even though I expect there

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2 won't be any material change, because after all I think I
3 am going to do it right the first time, I am no more infallible
4 than anybody else, and it may very well be that counsel will
5 call to my attention something I said which, although I
6 should have thought of it, will give a different slant to
7 something I said or something additional which might give you
8 an entirely different approach to a particular problem.

9 First I am going to briefly refer to the issues
10 and then I am going to outline the general principles which
11 the law has developed for your guidance as to how you should
12 determine those issues.

13 Let me say at the outset I am going to submit
14 the indictment to you in a somewhat unorthodox fashion, in
15 that I am not going to submit the first count first. I am
16 going to submit the second count first.

17 The indictment, you recollect, has three
18 charges: first, conspiracy; second, the felony of
19 distributing or possessing with intent to distribute the
20 2-1/2 kilos of cocaine which were in that white tennis bag;
21 and third, the felony of possessing with intent to
22 distribute the half kilo of cocaine which was in the gold
23 station wagon. I am going to submit those counts in order
24 of, first, the second count, first I am going to submit to
25 you the second count, which is the tennis bag count; then I

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2 am going to submit the conspiracy count; and then the gold
3 station wagon count.

4 You recollect that I have told you that the
5 conspiracy count and the gold station wagon count only
6 relate to Ochoa. The second count relates to both defendants

7 So the first question that you will have to
8 decide, under the rules which I will shortly explain, will
9 be: Did these defendants or either of them, in the early
10 morning hours of April 2, 1975, knowingly and wilfully
11 possess with intent to distribute the 2-1/2 kilos of cocaine
12 contained in that white tennis bag? If your answer to that
13 question is in the negative as to either defendant--that is
14 to say, if you have a reasonable doubt on the subject--that
15 is an end of your deliberations as to such defendant. You
16 must acquit him. If, on the other hand, you answer that
17 question in the affirmative as to either or both, you may
18 convict him or them of the second count, which concerns
19 itself with that particular 2-1/2 kilos of cocaine.

20 Whatever your conclusion is, that ends your
21 deliberations as to Osorio. But if you have convicted Ochoa
22 of the second -- tennis bag -- count, then you should go on
23 and consider whether he is guilty of conspiracy and of the
24 gold station wagon count. And, as I will tell you later,
25 the gold station wagon count depends on the conspiracy count

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2 in the terms I will tell you.

3 There are rules that the law has provided for
4 your guidance. The first and in this context the most obvious
5 is the one I mentioned to you when you were being selected,
6 namely, that you are here engaged in trying two lawsuits.
7 Each of the defendants before you is entitled to have his
8 guilt or innocence separately considered. Each defendant is
9 being tried before you as a matter solely for the Court's
10 convenience. You have two separate lawsuits before you, and
11 you should consider the evidence separately as to each
12 defendant.

13 In this context it should be obvious to you that
14 none of the evidence of the events prior to the evening of
15 April 1 has any bearing on the guilt or innocence of the
16 defendant Osorio.

17 The next cardinal principle, which I have also
18 mentioned, is that it is you who must weigh the facts. Nothing
19 I may say about the facts or you may conceive that I think
20 about them has any relevance whatever. It may surprise you
21 that I don't have to tell you that. Under the federal law I
22 have the power, if I wish to exercise it, to tell you exactly
23 what I think about the facts and exactly what I think about
24 the credibility of the several witnesses, just so long as I
25 make it clear to you that you are not bound by my views on

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2 | that subject.

3 Why do I tell you I have the power to exercise
4 it if I don't intend to use it? Simply for this reason: I
5 want you to understand thoroughly that it is my profound
6 conviction that the jury system only works if indeed the jury
7 totally disregards anything they may think the Judge feels
8 about the facts. So I just want you to realize that I am
9 not telling you this to take care of some formality I have
10 to meet. I am telling it to you because it is my profound
11 conviction that unless you follow this particular instruction,
12 justice may not be done in this case.

As the finders of fact, you will of course be
judges of the credibility of witnesses. There is no mystery
about how you judge the credibility of witnesses. Every
day in your life you have occasion to judge the credibility
of people with whom you come in contact. Members of your
family, your friends, your business associates, competitors,
everybody who speaks to you, wants you to believe what he or
she says. And in the course of your daily existence you
develop certain criteria or antennae by which you judge the
weight you will put on what people are saying to you.

23 The theory of the jury system is that it is
24 better to have the judgment of twelve persons than of one.
25 After all, if any one person had to make a decision as to the

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2 credibility of these witnesses, he or she would have only
3 one set of criteria, one set of life experiences, to go by.
4 The jury, on the other hand, has twelve such sets. And the
5 law says -- and I agree with it -- that a sounder result is
6 reached if twelve of you pool your common experiences in
7 making your decision.

8 Of course, that only works if you do what the
9 law contemplates, namely, discuss the matter with each other,
10 so that each of you, with an open mind, can get the benefit
11 of the experience and judgment of the others.

12 Incidentally, your function in this regard is
13 the rule that your recollection of the facts controls.
14 What I may remember or what counsel may remember is wholly
15 immaterial. It is your recollection that controls, and if
16 you have any question about anything that seems important to
17 you, you can have the stenographer read back pertinent parts
18 of the testimony. Even then, if you disagree with what
19 the stenographer reads back, your recollection controls. We
20 are all fallible. You are fallible too. But the law places
21 the responsibility on you. So if your recollection is
22 different from what the stenographer has done, you have just
23 got to assume the stenographer made a mistake.

24 As I say, we are all fallible, the law places
25 the responsibility on you, and you must make the decision.

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2 That does not of course mean that you should arbitrarily
3 disregard what the stenographer has said. But if, after
4 having given consideration to the fact that he was writing
5 it down as it came, you still disagree, you have the
6 responsibility and you have to make the decision.

7 In talking about responsibility as between
8 various people here, one thing that is exclusively my
9 responsibility and not yours is what, if any, punishment
10 these defendants or either of them should have in the event
11 you find him or them guilty. The law imposes that obligation
12 on me in the event you find guilt.

13 I trust you to find the facts, and you must
14 trust me to deal with any responsibility that your verdict
15 may impose upon me.

16 The law has certain guidelines. One is that you
17 are entitled to take into account the interest that any
18 witness may have in the outcome of this action. To start
19 off, a defendant obviously has an interest. He wants an
20 acquittal. That is his interest. The defendants, on the
21 other hand, claim that various of the Government witnesses,
22 including the Government agents, Assistant United States
23 Attorney Nesland, and Mrs. Seltzer, had a professional
24 interest in the outcome of this case which might have given
25 them a motive to falsify, and that you should regard them as

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2 interested witnesses.

3 The point is that it is for you to say whether
4 and to what extent any witness has an interest in the
5 outcome of the case and, if so, whether and to what extent
6 such interest has influenced his or her testimony before you.

7 Obviously, you don't just reject a witness out
8 of hand because he or she may have an interest, but you
9 consider the extent of such interest and decide what effect,
10 if any, it had on the testimony.

11 Isn't that what you do in everyday life? Most
12 people who talk to you have an interest in having you
13 believe what they say. Otherwise, by and large, they would
14 not bother to say anything. In everyday life you take their
15 interest into account in evaluating what they tell you, and
16 that is precisely what you do in the jury room.

17 Substantially all the Government's evidence
18 came from a police officer of one sort or another. As I
19 told you when you were being selected, the testimony of a
20 police officer or of an Assistant United States Attorney is
21 to be judged in exactly the same way as you judge the
22 testimony of any other witness. How did the witness appear to
23 you on the stand? Did he seem candid? Was he forthright in
24 answering questions, especially on cross-examination? Did he
25 appear to you to be trying to influence the outcome of the

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2 case or merely to be trying to tell you truth as he saw or
3 remembered it, he or she? Did he or she have an opportunity
4 accurately to observe what he or she was talking about? In
5 sum and substance, did he or she appear to you to be the
6 kind of person and to give the kind of testimony upon which
7 you would rely in making important decisions in your daily
8 life?

9 Then there is another rule of general applica-
10 tion, which is that if you find that any witness who has
11 testified before you has deliberately lied on a material
12 matter -- that is, an important matter; "material" means
13 important to the issue to which the witness was addressing
14 him- or herself at the time of the testimony -- if any witness
15 has deliberately lied on a material matter, you may, if you
16 wish, reject and disregard everything that particular witness
17 has said, but you are not required to do so. You may reject
18 part of his or her testimony that you find to be untruthful
19 and accept and act upon such part as you find to be truthful.

20 Again, that is just common sense. In your
21 ordinary experience some person may have told you a lie and
22 you may say to yourself, "I am never going to believe
23 anything he or she may ever say again. Life is just too
24 short to be bothered by trying to sort out truth from false-
25 hood as far as that particular person is concerned." On the

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2 other hand, you may, after some person has told you even
3 some outrageous lie, consider the motives which caused the
4 person to lie and conclude that in the future you would
5 believe him or her if you found such motives did not exist.

6 Like anything else, you must act in the same
7 commonsense way in the jury room as you would act in your
8 daily lives.

9 Of course, this rule only applies to testimony
10 that is wilfully false. It has no application to a mistake
11 which a witness may have made, and that again is common sense.

12 Another rule for your guidance that I mentioned
13 to you when you were being selected is that the indictment
14 in this case is no evidence whatever. That is not for your
15 guidance. That is a rule of law that you are bound by. The
16 indictment in this case is no evidence whatever of the
17 defendants' guilt or of any fact asserted in the indictment.

18 As I told you then, it has no more probative value than if
19 you see Mr. Jason call in the stenographer and dictate the
20 indictment out of his own head, with respect to no guidance
21 at all except his lively imagination. The only thing that
22 counts in this case is the evidence which is before you. By
23 evidence I mean the testimony which you find to have been
24 reliable.

25 Let me turn to character or reputation testimony

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2 Several witnesses were called who testified to Gabriel
3 Ochoa's good character. You should consider evidence of
4 character or reputation together with all other facts, all
5 other evidence in the case, in determining the guilt or
6 innocence of that defendant. Evidence of good character may
7 in itself create a reasonable doubt, where without it no
8 reasonable doubt would have existed. But if, on all the
9 evidence, you are satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt that
10 the defendant is guilty, a showing that he had previously
11 enjoyed a reputation of good character does not justify or
12 excuse the offense; and you should not acquit a defendant
13 merely because you believe he is a person of good repute.

14 This brings me to the question of reasonable
15 doubt. Let me define that term for you. The words really
16 define themselves when you analyze them. The words define
17 themselves. And it is a burden which is placed on the
18 Government only in a criminal case. It applies in no other
19 kind of a case. When you analyze it, that makes common
20 sense. In a civil case all the plaintiff has to do is to
21 establish his case by what is called a preponderance of
22 evidence, which boiled down means that it is more likely
23 than not that what the plaintiff is asserting is true. And
24 if the jury is satisfied of that, they are entitled to give
25 the plaintiff his verdict.

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2 Now, that may be fine, and indeed it is fine,
3 when all that is involved is whether A should pay B some
4 money. But the purpose of the Government in bringing a
5 criminal case is, among other things, to authorize the
6 Court to commit the defendant to jail. Whether I do or not
7 is my responsibility. That responsibility is not yours. And
8 our liberties would not be worth much if it were possible to
9 put a man in jail simply because his guilt seemed more
10 probable than his innocence.

11 Therefore, the law says that guilt must be
12 established beyond a reasonable doubt. There are two words
13 in that definition, "reasonable" and "doubt." The meaning
14 of "doubt" is self-apparent. The word "reasonable," in the
15 last analysis, is equally self-defining. It means a doubt
16 for which you can give a reason. It is not just a fanciful
17 doubt or an excuse for ducking a disagreeable duty.

18 Nobody likes to be in the position of convicting
19 a fellow human being. But the law would also be in a sorry
20 state if jurors would not take the responsibility of finding
21 guilt where it is established beyond a reasonable doubt.

22 Also, the "reasonable" part of the term goes
23 to the essence of jury deliberations.. If one of you has a
24 doubt and expresses a reason for it, and another juror has no
25 doubt, the expression of the reason for your doubt will

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2 probably do one of two things: It will either enable your
3 fellow jurors to demonstrate that your doubt is unreasonable,
4 or it will enable you to demonstrate to him or her that he
5 or she should have a doubt. If you express your doubts or
6 lack of them to each other, you should be able to resolve
7 them one way or the other.

8 Of course, the doubt, like everything else in
9 this case, the reasonable doubt, must be based on the evidence
10 or lack of evidence; not on something that you may have
11 heard on the outside or some impression or opinion you may
12 have derived from the outside. It has to be based on evidence
13 or lack of evidence. Otherwise how could you discuss it with
14 your fellow jurors?

15 All that you have in common with each other is
16 what you have heard in this courtroom, and that is the common
17 basis upon which you must base your deliberations..

18 In this connection I may point out that while
19 it is your duty to discuss your doubts or lack of them with
20 each other and to listen to each other's views, you should
21 adhere to any conscientious opinion which you might hold and
22 not give it up merely for the sake of unanimity. The law
23 simply requires you to do your best to convince your fellow
24 jurors of the correctness of your views and at the same time
25 to listen with an open mind to theirs and to make a conscientious

2 effort to reach a result which conforms to the conscientious
3 beliefs that each of you holds.

4 I assume you are not going to start unanimous.

5 Unanimity comes from discussion among you and exploration
6 of your doubts or lack of them, and discussion of the evidence
7 or lack of evidence upon which those doubts or lack of them
8 are based. That is how unanimity is achieved.

9 Before I leave the question of reasonable doubt,
10 it being so important, let me read another definition that
11 was given by a judge for whom I have great respect. I am
12 quoting from him: "It is a doubt based on reason, which
13 arises from the evidence or lack of evidence in the case.
14 It is a doubt that appeals to your reason, to your judgment,
15 to your common understanding and your common sense. It is a
16 doubt such as would cause you to hesitate to act in matters
17 of importance in your daily lives. But it is not caprice,
18 whim, or speculation. It is not a doubt that a juror might
19 conjure up to avoid the performance of an unpleasant duty.
20 It is not sympathy for a defendant. Let me repeat: It is a
21 reasonable doubt." That ends the quotation.

22 As you can see, it is not much different from
23 what I said, but I just thought he said it rather well.

24 Closely related to the doctrine of reasonable
25 doubt is the concept of presumption of innocence. That

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2 means that the Government has the burden of proof in this
3 case and that such burden never shifts. I have told you
4 that the defendant does not have to prove anything. The
5 point is that the presumption of innocence continues in his
6 favor throughout the entire trial and remains there in the
7 jury room until you have finally resolved it, if you ever
8 do, by a verdict of guilty. It means this: Right up to the
9 last minute, your discussion should include the proposition
10 that the Government has the burden, and if the Government
11 has not sustained that burden, that in itself can be the
12 basis of a reasonable doubt.

13 Before turning to the particular crimes with
14 which these defendants are charged, let me discuss in some
15 detail the testimony concerning statements the two defendants
16 are claimed to have made to Assistant United States Attorney
17 Nesland, which testimony, you recollect, took up most of our
18 day on Friday.

19 The rules respecting statements made by an
20 accused have carefully been worked out over the years by
21 the courts and the legislature. They may seem confusing to
22 you and it would not be appropriate for me at this time to
23 try to explain to you the whys and wherefores of their
24 various provisions. It is, however, my obligation to try to
25 explain those provisions to you, and your obligation to

2 apply the law as I lay it down.

3 Of course, the very first thing you have to de-
4 cide is whether the statements that have been submitted to
5 you -- either, as in the case of Ochoa, through a document
6 signed by him or, as in the case of Osorio, by Mr. Nesland's
7 recollection of what Osorio had told him -- I thought some-
8 body said something; it is just the interpreter -- were
9 actually made by Osorio and Ochoa, by the defendants, and
10 whether they or either of them understood what they were
11 saying at the time they said it.

12 Obviously, if you conclude that a defendant
13 either didn't actually say what he is claimed to have said
14 or didn't understand either the statement or the questions
15 in respect to which it was made, you will pay no attention
16 whatever to such statement for any purpose.

17 In coming to that conclusion, you will of course
18 consider all the evidence you have heard, but perhaps crucial
19 to the question is your appraisal of Mrs. Seltzer. Her
20 testimony certainly must be fresh in your minds. I don't
21 see any purpose in discussing it in any detail.

22 The question which you have to decide, based on
23 everything you heard her say or heard said about her or
24 observed about her, is: Do you think she was capable of and
25 did make the respective defendants understand the questions

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2 which were being put to them, and, if so, was she capable
3 of and did she accurately translate their answers? If you
4 answer these questions in the affirmative, you then must
5 consider what use is to be made of the statements.

6 Of course, in considering this proposition you
7 must take into account all the arguments you have heard on
8 this subject, including the argument that Mrs. Seltzer and
9 the defendants came from different cultures. You heard Mrs.
10 Seltzer address herself to that problem, and you heard her
11 testify, and your obligation is to make up your mind: Did
12 she convince you that she explained what was being said to
13 them, and did she understand what they were saying and
14 properly repeat it?

15 If you come to the conclusion, then, that these
16 statements were understandingly made, you must then consider
17 what use you should make of them. There are two uses you can
18 make of a statement, as I told you at the time they were
19 being given. One, you can use it under some circumstances
20 as evidence against a defendant, and in other circumstances
21 merely as a touchstone for appraising his credibility if he
22 should say something different on the witness stand than he
23 had said previously.

24 Obviously, the first is the more important use.
25 It is affirmative evidence against him. And before you can

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2 use it for that, you must be satisfied of various things.
3 In the first place, of course, you must be satisfied that
4 what he was saying he was saying voluntarily. He wasn't
5 talking because he was under pressure or any kind of threats
6 were being made to him; he was talking voluntarily. The
7 next thing you must be satisfied of is that he knew the nature
8 of the crime of which he was charged. The next thing you
9 must be satisfied of is that he knew he did not have to say
10 anything if he did not want to, and anything he did say could
11 be used against him if he said it. The next thing you must
12 be satisfied of is that he knew he was entitled to a lawyer
13 if he wanted a lawyer, and didn't have to say anything in
14 the absence of a lawyer and didn't have to keep on talking
15 in the absence of a lawyer.

16 The next thing you must be satisfied with is
17 that he knew if he did not have enough money to retain a
18 lawyer, the judge -- not me, but the magistrate, who was the
19 next judicial officer he was to see -- would appoint a lawyer
20 for him and the Government would finance such. And if he
21 wanted to wait until all that had been taken care of, either
22 wait until he got his own lawyer or wait until the judge
23 appointed a lawyer for him, he was at liberty to do so.

24 If you are satisfied that he understood all
25 that -- not merely that it was said to him by somebody, but

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2 that he understood it -- then you may consider what he said
3 as affirmative evidence against him. If you are not
4 satisfied with all those things, then you may only consider
5 his statement as a guide for considering his credibility as
6 a witness to the extent that he may have said something
7 different now than he said before.

8 Now let us come to the specific charges. Count
9 2, as I have told you, is the count referring to the 2-1/2
10 kilos that were in that bag. It charges each of the defendants
11 with knowingly and wilfully possessing that cocaine
12 with intent to distribute the same.

13 Therefore, we have got four different things.
14 Did they possess the cocaine? When I say "they," let us be
15 consistent with what I told you before. I am going to talk
16 separately about each one. Whichever defendant you are
17 thinking about: Did he possess the cocaine? Did he do so
18 knowingly? Did he do so wilfully? And did he do so with
19 intent to distribute?

20 Rather than give you some abstract definitions
21 of all those words, let me just use some examples. First,
22 possession. If someone that has been here during the entire
23 trial, and therefore has heard the discussion about the
24 cocaine, should pick that bag up with the cocaine in it, and
25 if the cocaine should be in it and they should see it in

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2 there, and carry it over and put it on my desk, at my
3 request, they -- he or she -- during the period of carrying
4 it from there to here would be in possession of the cocaine.
5 It is perfectly simple. It is possession of the bag. And
6 if they had been here the whole time and knew what it was,
7 they would be in knowing possession of the cocaine. So if
8 someone knew the cocaine was in there and picked it up, put
9 it on my desk during the time that they were doing that, it
10 would be a knowing possession of the cocaine.

11 However, if somebody should walk in from the
12 door, and the cocaine was in the bag and the bag zipped up,
13 and I say, "Listen, Mister, would you be good enough to pick
14 up that bag and put it on my desk," and he came and picked
15 it up and put it on my desk, he would be in possession of
16 the cocaine because he would be in possession of the bag,
17 but he would not know what was in it, so he would not be in
18 knowing possession of the cocaine.

19 Neither of those supposed people would be in
20 wilful possession, because wilful implies the intent to do
21 something illegal with it, and if all they were intending to
22 do was to pick it up, put it on my desk, at my request or
23 otherwise, they in one case would be in knowing possession
24 if they knew what was in it, in the other case they would be
25 just in possession without knowledge, and in neither case

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2 would they be in wilful possession. Wilful possession is
3 only if they knew it was cocaine and were intending that I
4 or whoever it is that gave it to them were to do something
5 unlawful with it.

6 When I say "unlawful," I don't mean they have
7 to know they violate any particular statute. They don't
8 have to know the provisions of the drug laws of the United
9 States. They just have to know that it is unlawful, know
10 that it is something that is against the law that they are
11 doing.

12 Let me put another example. Suppose there were
13 somebody here who had a car parked outside and decides to go
14 home with it. He drives home, and someone without his knowing
15 it has put that bag of cocaine in the trunk. The driver of
16 that bag is in possession of the cocaine, because he is in
17 possession and control of the car in which the cocaine is.
18 But if he does not know the bag is there, he is not in knowing
19 possession of it.

20 Suppose, further, that somebody is about to
21 drive home and somebody else says, "Hey, you going back by
22 the police station? Would you drop off this cocaine so they
23 could put it in the vault?", and hands him a bag of cocaine.
24 He says, "Yes, I will drop it off in the police station."
25 They put it in the vault. He would be in knowing possession

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2 of the cocaine because he would know he had a bag of cocaine,
3 but he would not be in wilful possession, because what he
4 intended to do with the cocaine was lawful.

5 But suppose somebody says, "Look, we are going
6 up to such-and-such a place, I have a bag of cocaine which
7 I am trying to sell, would you take this up and give it to
8 Joe Doakes as you pass, because I have sold it to him?" Then
9 that person would be in knowing and wilful possession of
10 the cocaine, because he was delivering it to Joe Doakes --
11 provided, of course, that he knew that was unlawful. If he
12 thought Joe Doakes had some lawful reason for having the
13 cocaine, he would not be in possession wilfully. "Wilfully"
14 implies knowledge of evil, knowledge of violation of law.

15 So your decision is, as to each defendant:
16 Were they in possession of cocaine? There doesn't seem to
17 be much dispute about that. Did they know it was -- he --
18 I am making the same mistake I tell you not to make. With
19 respect to the defendant you are considering, was he in
20 possession of the cocaine? As I say, there doesn't seem to
21 be much dispute about that. Was he in possession of the
22 cocaine? Two, did he know that the cocaine was in that bag?
23 If he thought it was sugar, if he thought the bag was empty,
24 if he thought it was anything in there except cocaine, that
25 is the end of the matter. Did he know cocaine was in that

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2 bag; and, knowing that cocaine was in that bag, was he
3 intending to deliver it to somebody for an improper purpose,
4 a purpose he knew to be unlawful?

5 Now, intent technically has to be an intent to
6 distribute, but that more or less in this particular context
7 automatically follows what I have told you. Because the
8 only thing, the only thing, that he could be intending to do
9 with it under the facts in this case was to give it to
10 somebody, namely, the Government agent, who obviously he did
11 not know was a Government agent, or to some other individual,
12 for improper purpose, illegal purpose.

13 So that is that crime, and I think I have made
14 it clear.

15 That, as I told you, is the case with respect
16 to the second count, Count No. 2. With respect to Osorio,
17 that is all you have to consider.

18 With respect to Ochoa, if you acquit him of
19 that, that is all you have to consider also, because that is
20 the end of the case if you acquit him. If you convict Osorio,
21 that is your verdict as to Osorio. If you convict Ochoa of
22 that count, then you proceed to consider whether he is also
23 guilty of conspiracy.

24 Conspiracy is defined in the statutes of the
25 United States substantially as follows: If two or more

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2 persons conspire to commit any offense against the United
3 States and one or more of such persons does an act to effect
4 the object of the conspiracy, he shall be guilty of the
5 crime of conspiracy. It is very simple.

6 Let me repeat. If two or more persons, any two,
7 conspire to commit an offense against the United States and
8 one or more persons does an act to effect the object of such
9 conspiracy, he shall be guilty of the crime of such conspiracy.

10 You can readily see there are three elements of
11 the crime, each of which must be established beyond a reason-
12 able doubt. First, there has to be a conspiracy; second, the
13 object of the conspiracy has to be to commit an offense
14 against the United States, which means to violate a statute
15 of the United States -- and I will just tell you as a matter
16 of law that having cocaine with intent to distribute it
17 violates a statute of the United States; and thirdly, one
18 or more of the conspirators has to do something to effect
19 such unlawful objective.

20 What, then, is a conspiracy? A conspiracy in
21 ordinary laymen's language is no more or less than a common
22 undertaking entered into between two or more persons to
23 achieve some unlawful objective.

24 We are always in our daily lives watching
25 people engage in common undertakings. If three of you should

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2 agree to have lunch together and send one of you ahead to
3 the restaurant to reserve a table and put in your orders,
4 you would be engaged in a common undertaking. A common
5 undertaking only becomes a conspiracy, however, if the
6 objective is unlawful.

7 The first task, then, is to determine whether
8 Dario Valencia, Esau Correa -- I can't pronounce that -- and
9 this man Don Roberto, about whom we have heard so much, and
10 these other people who were involved in this, excluding these
11 defendants now, were engaged in a common undertaking to
12 violate the narcotics laws of the United States. If you
13 decide that they were, then your next question is: 'Did
14 Ochoa join in that conspiracy?

15 A conspiracy obviously does not have to be
16 in writing and does not have to have any particular formality
17 attached to it. It is, as I have said, simply a common
18 undertaking. Indeed, all conspirators don't necessarily
19 have to know what the others are doing or have done. What
20 is necessary, however, is that each conspirator knows the
21 existence of the common undertaking, is aware of its unlawful
22 purpose, and intends to further that particular unlawful
23 purpose.

24 If you are satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt
25 that such a conspiracy did indeed exist, then you should

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2 consider whether the Government established, again beyond
3 a reasonable doubt, that Gabriel Ochoa at some point became
4 a knowing and wilful participant in such a conspiracy. One
5 cannot stumble into a conspiracy by a mistake. A person
6 cannot be guilty of a conspiracy merely because he associates
7 with others who happen to be so guilty.

8 A person can be guilty of conspiracy only if
9 he knows the common undertaking is afoot, if he knows that
10 such common undertaking has a particular unlawful purpose,
11 and if he wilfully, knowingly and intentionally decides to
12 join in a common undertaking for the purpose of furthering
13 that particular unlawful purpose. I told you about wilfully
14 and knowingly.

15 Of course, once a person is found to have
16 entered into a conspiracy, it is immaterial whether or not
17 he accomplishes his purpose in doing so or whether he
18 ultimately receives any benefit from his conspiratorial
19 conduct. It should be observed that a conspirator does not
20 have to be aware of all the details of a conspiracy or the
21 conduct of its various members. What is necessary, and
22 without which one cannot be determined a conspirator, is that
23 he have knowledge of the basic unlawful object of the
24 conspiracy -- in this case the unlawful distribution of
25 cocaine -- and that it was his deliberate intent to further

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2 that unlawful objective.

3 I also mentioned the fact that there had to be
4 an overt act, but in this case that does not concern you
5 much, because one of the overt acts alleged in the conspiracy
6 is the delivery of this particular cocaine in that bag on
7 that morning of April 2, and unless you have already found
8 that overt act to have taken place, you are not considering
9 this problem.

10 Obviously, from what I have said, it follows
11 that knowledge without wilful participation is not enough,
12 and Gabriel Ochoa had no obligation to expose the conspiracy
13 because he may have known about it. Merely because Gabriel
14 Ochoa may have heard about the existence of the conspiracy
15 does not make him a party to it. He has to wilfully and
16 intentionally decide to participate in it and advance its
17 objectives.

18 One of the persons the Government claims to have
19 been a member of this conspiracy is that white shoe'd man we
20 heard so much about, who fetched the cocaine from the gold
21 station wagon that evening and then put it back again. That
22 brings into play another rule of law which relates to the
23 third count of the indictment, and that rule is that if you
24 once enter into conspiracy for the purpose of committing a
25 crime and one of your coconspirators does acts which

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2 constitute the crime you have conspired to commit, you are
3 just as guilty as though you did the act yourself.

4 So if you conclude that Ochoa was a member of
5 the conspiracy, this conspiracy that we heard about in the
6 early days of this trial, in which Dario was involved --
7 you remember it; I don't need to repeat the details -- if you
8 conclude that Ochoa was a member of that conspiracy, and
9 that white shoes or whatever his name was was also a member
10 of it and was carrying out one of the functions of the
11 conspiracy by going to get the cocaine and bringing it back,
12 then white shoes' possession of that cocaine would be
13 attributable to Ochoa and he would be guilty of the third
14 count in the indictment, namely, possession of the half kilo
15 of cocaine found in the gold station wagon.

16 Of course, you have to conclude that white
17 shoes knew what was in it -- cocaine; that he had the same
18 mental attitude toward the cocaine that these defendants --

19 MR. LYON: I am having difficulty hearing you,
20 your Honor.

21 THE COURT: You have to conclude that white
22 shoes knew what was in it -- cocaine; that he had the same
23 mental attitude in handling it that these defendants had
24 that I told you about in respect to the tennis bag. If you
25 come to those conclusions, then you may convict Ochoa of that

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2 count as well.

3 Of course, there has been a lot of talk about
4 knowingly and intentionally, but you must understand that
5 knowledge and intention are matters which you must infer.
6 You must infer beyond a reasonable doubt. Before you find
7 them to exist, you must find them to exist beyond a reasonable
8 doubt. But people don't go around with signs on saying, "I
9 notice this and I intend that." You don't get direct
10 evidence of knowledge and intention, but you infer it from
11 all the acts and conduct, all the acts and conduct of the
12 particular individual whose knowledge and intention you are
13 concerned with at the moment. And you must infer, of course,
14 beyond a reasonable doubt.

15 Incidentally, any time I have told you through-
16 out this trial that you must find a fact, you can just assume
17 that I said that you must find that fact beyond a reasonable
18 doubt. I think I have said it every time. There is no
19 other way you find a fact in a criminal case.

20 Ladies and gentlemen, I am going to ask you to
21 leave, retire to the jury room, and in five or ten minutes
22 I will send for you. When I send for you, will the alternates
23 bring back anything they may have left in the jury room,
24 including their lunch, because they won't go back in the jury
25 room next time.

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2 (The jury left the courtroom.)

3 THE COURT: Mr. Lyon first.

4 MR. LYON: I have no exceptions to the charge.

5 THE COURT: Any requests?

6 MR. LYON: Yes, I have some requests.

7 There was one point when you stated that,
8 referring to the conspiracy count -- and you explained that
9 there had to be some intent involved in intent to distribute,
10 with which I have no argument -- but you said that, of
11 course, under these circumstances the only intent would be
12 the intent to distribute. At that point I think, respect-
13 fully submit, that you should have -- and I ask that you do
14 now -- cleared up the fact that, of course, if he knew about
15 the cocaine at that point, then his only intent would be to
16 distribute.

17 THE COURT: I thought that was clear, but I will
18 certainly make it clear.

19 MR. LYON: In that regard you mentioned a number
20 of times that the issue is whether he knew that the cocaine
21 was in the bag. Under the facts of this case there is a good
22 part of the case where there is even an issue as to whether
23 he knew that the bag was in the car. And I think that might
24 be a little confusing. The jury might assume that from that
25 that he knew the bag was in the car, and I know that is not

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2 your Honor's intent.

3 THE COURT: I will certainly bring that out.

4 MR. LYON: And finally, will you explain that
5 the third count, under the Pinkerton rule, he would be guilty
6 of if he is guilty of the conspiracy. I think it naturally
7 follows, but I don't think it would hurt to make it clear
8 that if he is not guilty of the conspiracy, of course the
9 third count falls, just as, if he is not guilty of the second
10 count, the other two counts fall.

11 THE COURT: I think it follows. It does not
12 make any difference, because if they should bring in
13 verdict of guilt on the third count and not on the conspiracy,
14 I would set it aside.

15 MR. LYON: I understand. But in all --

16 THE COURT: I think I have said it enough so as
17 to have it clear, but if I turn out to be wrong it does not
18 make any difference, because --

19 MR. LYON: I think you said enough that it was
20 clear about the second count, but I don't know whether that
21 Pinkerton is that clear. It was clear to me, I felt, only
22 because we had discussed it before. Those are my only
23 requests.

24 THE COURT: Mrs. Solleeder?

25 MRS. SOLLEDER: Yes, Judge. I don't know whether

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2 this is a proper request or not. I have no exceptions.

3 Just a request. Should they be told at what point the
4 defendants had to know that there was cocaine in the bag?

5 THE COURT: What do you have in mind?

6 MRS. SOLLEDER: I mean, if they discovered it
7 too late for them to do anything, that does not mean that
8 they had the guilty, wilful intent to possess it.

9 THE COURT: What point do you think they might?

10 What is your theory? I don't like to give academic charges
11 to the jury. What is your theory?

12 MRS. SOLLEDER: That is the problem, Judge.

13 MR. LYON: May we have a moment to consult?

14 I think she made a very good point.

15 (Conference between Mrs. Solleeder and Mr. Lyon.)

16 MRS. SOLLEDER: Judge, as I said in my
17 summation, at the point the bag is opened. If that was the
18 first time they knew that there was cocaine in the bag, then
19 they could not have had all those requisites of wilfulness,
20 knowing possession, intent to distribute, because at that
21 point it was too late for them to do anything.

22 THE COURT: I am inclined to agree with that.

23 MR. IASON: The Government agrees with that.

24 THE COURT: Yes. I will say that.

25 MRS. SOLLEDER: Now I have a couple of others,

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2 Judge. Where you charged about circumstantial evidence,
3 to show knowledge or intent, would you charge that the acts
4 or the words must be such as to be inconsistent with an
5 absence of intent or knowledge?

6 THE COURT: No. I think I have done enough on
7 that.

8 MRS. SOLLEDER: The last one I have, Judge, is:
9 I would really like you to explain a little more whether the
10 statement was knowingly and intentionally made with respect
11 to the constitutional rights that this defendant Osorio had.

12 THE COURT: I said he did not have to talk without
13 a lawyer, did not have to talk without a lawyer the Government
14 paid for.

15 MRS. SOLLEDER: As his testimony was, he thought
16 the lawyer was there, Judge, and that Mr. Nesland did not--
17 Mr. Nesland testified that he did not tell him "I am not your
18 lawyer, I am your adversary."

19 MR. IASON: I think his Honor included in
20 his charge that if the defendant did not understand at the
21 time of his interview what was going on, it was not voluntary.
22 There was something to that effect about understanding in
23 the question of voluntariness.

24 MRS. SOLLEDER: Just take into consideration his
25 background, his lack of education, his state of mind and body

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2 at that time.

3 THE COURT: I think I told them all that.

4 MR. IASON: Your Honor, I think it was already
5 in there, and I think that any restating of it would over-
6 emphasize it and would, in spite of your Honor's admonitions,
7 convey to the jury that you were particularly troubled about
8 that point. I believe that has been stated. I understand
9 your concern, Mrs. Solleeder, but I think the Court has
10 already charged on that point and that that is sufficient.

11 MRS. SOLLEDER: I will withdraw that part that
12 he thought his lawyer was in the room, Judge. I think it
13 would be better not to go into that much detail. But I do
14 feel that the waiver of his constitutional rights should be
15 tested by -- obviously it always has to be tested by what
16 the person's intelligence is.

17 THE COURT: I think I said it, but I will tell
18 them that you don't think I said it.

19 MRS. SOLLEDER: I have no further requests.

20 MR. IASON: Your Honor, I might have missed it,
21 but I did not hear you say anything about duration of the
22 conspiracy. That to be a coconspirator a defendant need not
23 have been in a conspiracy throughout its duration; it is
24 sufficient if you join it at any point before it is concluded.

25 THE COURT: Let me see whether I said that.

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2 MR. IASON: As I said, your Honor, I think you
3 may have said it, but I didn't hear it.

4 MR. LYON: I believe that was covered.

5 THE COURT: Let me see what I have written
6 here.

7 MR. IASON: I think it is critical in the
8 Government's view of the case against the defendant Ochoa.

9 THE COURT: No, I didn't say that. I didn't say
10 it.

11 MR. IASON: The Government would ask that that
12 be included when the jury returns.

13 MR. IASON: Your Honor, on the definition of
14 conspiracy, as I heard what your Honor was saying, it seemed
15 to me that you were reading from the conspiracy statute in
16 Title 18, section 371, whereas a different statement of
17 the conspiracy statute in a narcotics act seems to me may be
18 more understandable to the jury under the circumstances of
19 this case, which in 371 talks about to commit any offense
20 against the United States, which is as I understood your
21 Honor to be reading. The conspiracy statute in a narcotics
22 section, of course, does not refer to committing any offense
23 against the United States; it speaks more specifically in
24 terms of violating the narcotics laws.

25 THE COURT: I told them the cocaine -- you are

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2 more alert than other prosecutors, because I have always
3 given that in narcotics cases. If there is a better one --

4 MR. IASON: I think that is a troublesome one
5 for the defendant.

6 THE COURT: I told them specifically possession
7 of narcotics.

8 MR. IASON: I understand that. I am not pushing
9 it. I did think I have an obligation to raise it.

10 THE COURT: I will look at it next time. No
11 one has ever called it to my attention. It is too late this
12 time. No one has ever called my attention to it before.

13 MR. IASON: Because the language is substantially
14 different. I think my requests, as I say, for next time may
15 make it clearer as to the way the Government suggests that
16 be handled.

17 The other one is the one I raised with you on
18 Friday -- I just raised briefly: that the Government would
19 ask for a charge on aiding and abetting. I think that is
20 relevant and may help the jury understand as to a possible
21 theory for the Government, particularly as affecting the
22 defendant Osorio -- as well, though, of the defendant Ochoa.

23 THE COURT: I may be in error, but I will be
24 consistently in error.

25 MR. IASON: Again, Your Honor, I just want to

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2 raise that.

3 I have, I think, one more brief point. On the
4 third count, one of your premises was, I think you said, to
5 find the defendant Ochoa guilty on the third count, to
6 conclude that white shoes knew about the cocaine. I think
7 that that is a legitimate position to take but not one that
8 I necessarily agree with. It is possible that white shoes
9 could have been simply a messenger and he could have been
10 in the position that the defendants here claim, meaning he
11 could have been told, "Go get a package out of the gold
12 station wagon," without knowing what the package was. But
13 if whoever sent him was a coconspirator and knew what was in
14 the package, that of course would be sufficient for the guilt
15 of the defendant Ochoa on that. So it would not be necessary
16 that white shoes knew what was in the package.

17 THE COURT: That is correct.

18 MR. LYON: Your Honor, I have no argument with
19 the two points about the duration of joining and Mr. Iason's
20 point about white shoes possibly being only a messenger but
21 on the direction of somebody he knew. My only suggestion is
22 that, if it is repeated now, it could be devastating to the
23 defense unless along with it is the comment that of course
24 they must consider that if he never joined they don't have to
25 worry about the duration of it, and if he didn't know, then

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2 that issue does not come up. Just since we are bringing
3 something that might have come in the original charge, I
4 would like that part to come together.

5 THE COURT: All right.

6 MR. IASON: Of course, your Honor, that is
7 relevant also with respect to the point that Mr. Lyon made --
8 frankly, I thought it went without saying -- that bringing
9 them up now may be legitimate, but of course it does
10 emphasize certain aspects of the defense side of the case.

THE COURT: I think you are about even on that.

12 MR. IASON: Yes, sir.

13 MR. LYON: I have no objection if when you
14 mention about the third count, you can say that if he is guilty,
15 he can be guilty of the third count, you know, and repeat
16 it, and then say: Of course, if he is not guilty of the
17 conspiracy -- I don't care, as long as we get both sides in.
18 Because on either, I have asked what he has asked, just so it
19 does not look --

20 THE COURT: There is no objection as to exhibits,
21 I assume?

22 MR. LYON: Of course not.

THE COURT: If they want any exhibits, they can have them.

25 MR. IASON: No objection.

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2 MR. LYON: Of course, we mentioned whether that
3 was on the record or not, but just in the event, as to the
4 statements, that there be a strip on the question of bail.

THE COURT: Yes. I won't tell them about that.

6 MR. LYON: No, I didn't mean that you did.

7 MR. IASON: I understand that for the Government
8 your Honor. That does bring up a point I must raise briefly.
9 You mentioned to the jury about sitting late this evening.

10 MR. LYON: Suppose they ask for the cocaine.

11 MR.IASON: With the Court's permission, after
12 5 o'clock or so at night, I should have this cocaine locked
13 up or else I am going to be --

14 THE COURT: The cocaine you can lock up right
15 now. They don't get the cocaine.

16 MR. IASO Ordinarily, your Honor, the Govern-
17 ment is obliged to keep all the exhibits present.

18 THE COURT: No, the cocaine you can lock up
19 right now. They don't get that, in any event.

(Jury present)

21 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, I don't think
22 I need to make any changes that are material, but I told you
23 with respect to Ochoa, in fact both of them, that he had to
24 know the cocaine was in that bag, and it was suggested that
25 I might be deciding for you that he knew the bag was in the

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2 car. Of course, I didn't intend anything like that. He has
3 to know the bag was in the car; he has to know about the bag
4 before it is relevant that he knows what is in it. I certain-
5 ly did not intend to skip over your reasoning in that
6 respect.

7 One thing that everybody, including the Govern-
8 ment, seems to think I might not have been clear on. Every-
9 body agreed that when Mr. Osorio was in the front of the car
10 he opened the bag. That much is agreed upon. I am not
11 going to give the contentions of the parties on either side.
12 But if that was the first time he realized that there was
13 cocaine in it; that would not satisfy his knowledge. I mean,
14 if that for the first time he realized there was cocaine was
15 when he opened it, at that point, that would not be enough
16 in that respect for Osorio, or anybody else.

17 MR. LYON: The same thing as to Ochoa?

18 THE COURT: I said as to anybody else, yes.

19 On the other hand, on the question of conspiracy,
20 it is wholly immaterial when, at what point in the conspiracy --
21 this applies only to Ochoa, of course -- it is wholly
22 immaterial at what point in a conspiracy a member joins it.
23 It can be at the beginning or at the end, just so long as he
24 joins it for the purpose of furthering its unlawful objective.

25 But in that connection, of course, I remind you

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2 that in order to join it he has to have the knowledge of
3 what it is all about. In this particular case, before you
4 come to that point, he has got to have had the knowledge
5 of what was in that bag at the time he delivered it.

6 With respect to the third count, two things.

7 I remind you the third count depends on the conspiracy count.
8 So you cannot, just as you cannot reach the conspiracy count
9 with respect to Ochoa without having concluded he was guilty
10 on the white bag count, so you cannot reach the third count
11 without having concluded he is guilty of conspiracy.

12 In that connection I also told you that on the
13 rule that permitted you to attribute white shoes' knowledge
14 to Ochoa, that before you could attribute his act to Ochoa,
15 you would have to find that he knew, had the same knowledge
16 and intention that I said these two defendants would have
17 with respect to the tennis bag. But that is only a substitute
18 for Ochoa's knowledge, if you find that Ochoa knew what
19 white shoes was doing. If you find that Ochoa knew what
20 white shoes was doing, then if white shoes had been an
21 innocent messenger, that would not excuse Ochoa. But if you
22 find that Ochoa was a member of the conspiracy, then you
23 would not have to find that he knew what white shoes was doing
24 necessarily, if white shoes had the knowledge. But if you
25 had reasonable doubt as to whether white shoes had the

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2 knowledge, you could still convict Ochoa if you concluded
3 that he did know what white shoes was doing and had his
4 own knowledge and intent with respect to white shoes.

5 Have I made that clear?

6 Of course, I again remind you that you don't
7 come to these things unless you find he had the knowledge
8 with respect to that particular bag in the first place,
9 pointing at the white bag.

10 Now, on housekeeping matters, in the first
11 place your verdict has to be unanimous. There is no such
12 thing as a non-unanimous verdict in a federal criminal case.

13 Second point: If you want any exhibits, just
14 ask for them and they will be sent in to you. And you will
15 recollect that I told you that the statement which Ochoa
16 signed is evidence only against him and not evidence against
17 Osorio. To highlight that, the Government has produced,
18 will produce, for sending in if you ask for it, a fresh
19 Xerox copy with any references to Osorio left out. That is
20 to highlight the fact that it is only evidence against
21 Ochoa; it doesn't make the thing ununderstandable.

22 If you want testimony read back, just ask for it.

23 And of course you won't remember exhibit
24 numbers. Just describe the exhibit. If you want testimony
25 read back, describe what you want and have it read back. But

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2 of course if you want that, don't expect instant replay,
3 because obviously, in the first place, we have to figure out
4 exactly what you mean. The question you will ask will not
5 have been in either counsel's mind at the time they were
6 asking a question, probably. So we have to figure out what
7 you mean, we have to find it, then we have to get agreement
8 between counsel as to what answers your question. If they
9 cannot agree, I will have to decide for them. I may call
10 you in and get more explanation. But all that takes time.
11 Then the stenographer has to get it organized, so he can
12 read it to you. All that takes time. So if you ask for
13 testimony, unless it is very vital and you just can't go on,
14 just put it aside and go on in your deliberations and in due
15 time you will hear from us.

16 If you want anything in my charge repeated or
17 explained, don't have any hesitancy in asking me. You know,
18 I am an expert in this field, and experts when they talk get
19 in the habit of talking in shorthand. You have heard
20 doctors talking to each other. You haven't any idea what
21 they are talking about. Well, lawyers get the same way. I
22 try in my charges to overcome that and talk to you and
23 express it in language that a layman would easily understand,
24 but it may be that I have not done that.

25 So have absolutely no hesitancy in telling me:

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2 "On this question would you please repeat or elaborate?"

3 One thing I never want you to do in any message
4 you send out to me, and that is tell me how you are standing
5 at any one time on any given issue. The reason for that is
6 obvious when you think about it, but you might not think
7 about it unless I mention it.

8 If you should tell me that you are deadlocked --
9 I am not suggesting you are going to be -- but if you should
10 tell me that you are deadlocked, I may think it wise to kind
11 of reason with you as to ways and means of carrying on your
12 deliberation and breaking your deadlock. If I know you are
13 ten to two or eleven to one or something like that, there is
14 no way I can possibly talk to you without giving the two or
15 the one the idea that I want him or them to go over to the
16 majority because I think the majority is right. But if I
17 don't know, then I can talk to you without giving you any
18 impression, because I just am trying to help you achieve
19 unanimity, and if I don't know which is on one side, which
20 is on the other, I am not expressing any views.

21 So you can tell me you are deadlocked ten to
22 two, if you want to, just so long as I don't know what the
23 ten is and what the two is. I am not suggesting you are
24 going to be deadlocked, but that is just for your information.

25 I will see counsel at the side bar.

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2 (At the side bar)

3 THE COURT: Anything I forgot?

4 MR. LYON: Judge, on the issue of wilfulness,
5 you mentioned that, as per request, in the event they
6 suddenly got knowledge when the bag was opened; that might
7 be too late for it to be wilful. You limited it to Osorio.
8 I did what I should not have done: I called out from the
9 table and I said: "Does that apply to Ochoa too?"

10 THE COURT: I said that. I answered you..

11 (In open court)

12 THE COURT: Will you swear the marshal.

13 (The marshal was duly sworn.)

14 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, I submit the
15 case to you with full confidence that you will do justice
16 between these defendants. The alternates remain seated.
17 The jurors please retire.

18 (At 1:13 p.m., the jury retired to deliberate.)

19 THE COURT: Lady and gentlemen, I thank you for
20 your attention. It turned out that we didn't need you. It
21 looked as though we would get one of you there for a while one
22 day. So it was like an insurance policy: you pay the premium
23 and you don't use it. I hope you found it an interesting
24 experience. You are discharged with the thanks of the court.

25 (The three alternates left the courtroom.)

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3 MR. LYON: Your Honor, before the jury comes in,
4 was there a second note?5 THE COURT: Yes. They want to know if I can
6 give them a copy of my charge.7 MR. LYON: Very well. Just that if you would
8 give them a copy of your charge.9 THE COURT: Apparently there was a misunderstand-
10 ing. Bring them in. I understood that the first note was
11 going to be answered.12 MR. IASON: Your Honor, maybe Mrs. Solleeder and
13 Mr. Lyon would want to find out --

14 MR. LYON: What is it?

15 THE COURT: I thought you agreed that we could
16 say that the answer was, there was no evidence.17 MR. LYON: We agreed that that was the fact, but
18 we thought that that should be -- I don't know if you have
19 discretion to send it in.

20 THE COURT: I thought you agreed to send it in?

21 MR. LYON: No, not that.

22 THE COURT: Well, I will tell them.

23 MR. IASON: Your Honor, if there is any request,
24 I have a redacted version now of the statement as well. I
25 just want it taken care of. I have shown it to Mrs. Solleeder.

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(At 4:05 p.m., the jury returned to the courtroom.)

4 THE COURT: Do you have that message you sent
5 out the first time?

6 THE FORELADY: Yes, I left it inside.

7 THE COURT: You understand that counsel agree
8 that there was no evidence in the record to answer either
9 of those questions you sent the first time.

Now, the second question you have asked: Is it
possible that you have a written copy of the judge's charge
to the jury? Well, the first problem with that is, there
is none. I had notes from which I spoke, but I have no
written copy; and even if there was, it is not the practice
to do it. But if there is any specific question you want
me to elaborate on, just send out a note and I will elaborate
or if you happen to know what it is.

18 THE FORELADY: We were concerned with which
19 charge we should consider first and second and how you told
20 us the second charge first --

21 THE COURT: I told you you had to consider first
22 the accusation that the two defendants, or either of them,
23 were guilty of knowingly and wilfully possessing the cocaine
24 which was contained in the white bag. And if you were
25 satisfied that either or both of them knowingly and wilfully

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2 possessed that cocaine, you should convict of the second
3 count of the indictment, which is the count that alleges
4 that knowing and wilful possession.

5 If you acquit on that, that is the end of the
6 case as to all defendants or as to the ones you have acquitted.
7 You could acquit either of the defendants, and that is the
8 end of the case as to that defendant. If you convict, on
9 the other hand, Mr. Ochoa on that count, you may go on and
10 consider whether or not he is guilty of conspiracy. If you
11 find him guilty of conspiracy, you can go on and consider
12 whether or not he is guilty of the second gold --

13 THE FORELADY: Station wagon.

14 THE COURT: -- station wagon count. Does that
15 clarify it?

16 THE FORELADY: For me, your Honor.

17 THE COURT: Yes. The confusion is that you
18 consider the second count first.

19 THE FORELADY: That was our confusion.

20 THE COURT: It is the second count in the
21 indictment but the first count to consider.

22 THE FORELADY: To be considered.

23 THE COURT: That is why I tried to call it the
24 tennis bag count rather than the first count. First consider
25 the tennis bag count, then consider the conspiracy count, and

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2 then consider the gold station wagon count.

3 THE FORELADY: All right.

4 MR. LYON: Your Honor, may we approach the
5 bench.

6 (At the side bar)

7 MR. LYON: Your Honor, I know you have said a
8 number of times that if you acquit on the second count that
9 you aren't to consider the first, it is the end of the case.
10 I don't know if that is clear to them. In other words, if
11 you acquit on the second count for either of them, that
12 person is acquitted of the entire case.

13 THE COURT: If it isn't clear to them and they
14 acquit on that and convict on anything else, I will set it
15 aside.

16 MR. LYON: But they may be working for nothing.
17 Because I see, you know, they did fail to remember. It is
18 not easy to remember all of these things.

19 THE COURT: I think they have it clear.

20 (In open court)

21 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, you may
22 resume.

23 (At 4:10 p.m., the jury left the courtroom.)

24 (At 6:45 p.m., the jury returned to the courtroom.)

25 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, I take it

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2 you are not about to come up with a verdict and you must be
3 hungry. So I am going to send you out to dinner.

4 Just bear in mind that you will be in the custody
5 of the marshals, and the marshals are no more likely to know
6 what you are thinking than I am or counsel for either side.
7 So while you are away, don't discuss the case at all while
8 you are in the company of the marshals.

9 And, beyond that, there must be some tension
10 building up in the process of discussion. So use the
11 opportunity to relax the tension. If you have been arguing
12 with each other, don't sit next to the person you were
13 arguing with.

14 (At 6:50 p.m., the jury left the courtroom.)

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